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For: THICKENING COMPOSITION HAVING
IMPROVED VISCOSITY-EMERGING
PROPERTY

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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated August 20, 2009, and in conjunction with the Request for Continued Examination (RCE) being filed concurrently, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.